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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 7009

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, U.S.  
SUBJECT: HONG KONG CHINA WATCHING

1. THE FRIDAY, JUNE 17, EDITION OF THE ASIAN WALL STREET JOURNAL HAS CARRIED AN ARTICLE IN ITS "WORLD WIRE" COLUMN REPORTING THAT HONG KONG CONGEN CHINA-WATCHING OPERATIONS ARE BEING CUT BACK. FULL TEXT OF THE ARTICLE FOLLOWS: "CHINA-WATCHING OPERATIONS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG ARE BEING TRIMMED. ONE ANALYST OF CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO TOKYO AND IS NOT BEING REPLACED. SENIOR PERSONNEL ARE BEING ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICE IN PEKING, WHILE LESS EXPERIENCED PEOPLE ARE BEING POSTED TO HONG KONG."

2. COMMENT: THE ARTICLE DOUBTEDLESSLY IS THE RESULT OF THE ARRIVAL OF SEVERAL NEW PERSONNEL IN THE CHINA REPORTING SECTION AND THE TRANSFER TO TOKYO OF FOREIGN POLICY ANALYST MARK MOHR WHO, IN FACT, IS NOT BEING REPLACED. THE NEWS THE CONGEN IS REDUCING ITS CHINA-WATCHING OPERATIONS IN HONG KONG COULD PROVE marginally BENEFICIAL IN OUR RELATIONS HERE WITH PRC REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE LONG BEEN SUSPICIOUS OF OUR ACTIVITIES. IF QUESTIONED FURTHER ABOUT THE ARTICLE, WE PLAN TO CONFIRM THE FACTS CONCERNING TRANSFERS BUT OFFER NO COMMENT  
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ON THE LEVEL OF OUR CURRENT CHINA REPORTING STAFF.  
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